GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1897
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2006
SEIZURE OF ROCKET LAUNCHERS
Deora Shri Milind Murli;Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any investigation into the seizure of sophisticated arms including rockets and rocket launchers as reported in the `Asian Age` dated October 6, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the findings of the investigations;

(c) the number of persons so far arrested in this connection; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent manufacture and supply of illegal arms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): The Government of Andhra Pradesh is investigating into the seizure of rockets and rocket launchers seized from Kranthi Transport at Achampet of Mahabubnagar district and Giddalur of Prakasam district on 7/8.9.06. Investigation has so far revealed that CPI (Maoist) had got manufactured these rockets and rocket launchers in seven lathe workshop foundries at Chennai through Thota Kumara Swamy @ Madhu, a native of Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh. In this case, 2 persons have been arrested in Kedapa, while Thota Kumara Swamy @ Madhu, the kingpin and his wife Sudha Rani surrendered to Warangal Police of Andhra Pradesh on 16.10.2006 and were later arrested by Mahabubnagar Police. The Tamilnadu Police also arrested 7 persons who manufactured rockets and rocket launchers in their foundries.

(d): The State Governments have been advised to take all steps to check the illegal manufacturing of rockets and rocket launchers and ensure strict enforcement of the provisions of the Arms and Explosives Acts and Rules and existing instructions issued in this behalf.